

REMARKS

In the above referenced case, claims 129-131 are pending. Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 129-131 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Karasawa, U.S. Patent No. 5,200,843 ("KARASAWA") in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 ("KONNO").

Independent claims 129-131 have been amended to recite an additional element [b] for converting the randomly changing orientations of the primary beam of light to having substantially the same selected predetermined orientation of a chosen component of the electric field vectors without discarding half of the light. This additional element has support based on at least Figures 8-8D and their corresponding text in the Specification.<sup>1</sup>

Figure 13 of KARASAWA discloses a conventional projection type liquid crystal display which discards over 50% of the source light.

In this type of conventional projection type liquid crystal display system, 50% or more of the light from light source 1 transmitted through polarizer 44 will be absorbed and lost, i.e., one polarized light component will be selected from the light and transmitted through polarizer 44 while the other polarized light component is absorbed in polarizer 44.

KARASAWA, col. 1, lines 39-45 (emphasis added).

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<sup>1</sup> The embodiments described in the Specification (or illustrated in the Figures) are merely exemplary. Therefore, the claims should not be construed to cover only the exemplary embodiments described (or illustrated).

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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